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What is claimed is

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

6. (New) A food preparation device for cooking foods or beverages using steam and for processing foods with a blade, the device comprising:

a housing including a base portion, vertical portion and a horizontal extension;

a container mountable on said base portion;

at least one blade mounted within said container;

an adjustment valve for enabling a user to control an amount of steam; and a mechanism enabling a user to set cooking time

a cooking surface located within said base portion;

a heater and steam generator located in the vertical portion wherein water is heated to generate steam that flows through a steam tube located in the horizontal extension into a steam passage-way centrally located in the container; and

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the container holding the at least one blade either near a top of the container or near a base of the container, the blade being configured for chopping, dicing or processing food.

7. (New) The food preparation device of claim 1, the housing further including a motor, a steam generator, a steam nozzle and a water reservoir

wherein the motor is configured to control a temperature of the cooking surface; and wherein the steam generator is configured to convert water contained in the water reservoir into steam and to cause the steam to pass through the steam nozzle into the container.

8. (New) The food preparation device of claim 1, wherein the at least one blade includes a powered rotary cutter.